

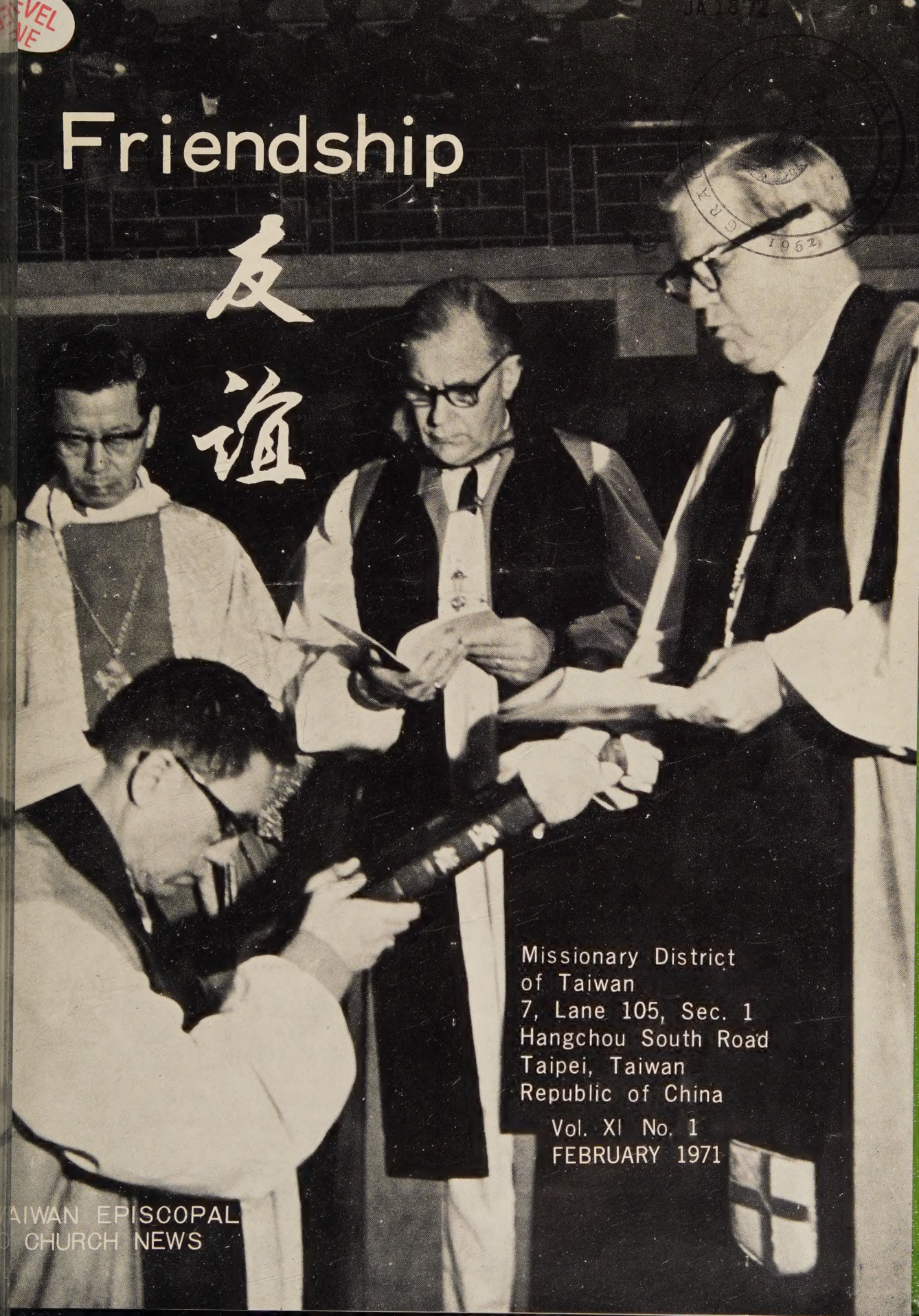
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FROM THE BISHOP

In writing my first Bishop's Letter as the new Second Bishop of Taiwan, I cannot help thinking of my predecessors who have laid the foundations for me to build on — the Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy, Bishop of Honolulu (1954-61), the Rt. Rev. Charles P. Gilson, Suffragan Bishop of Honolulu (1961-64), and the Rt. Rev. James C. L. Wong, the First Bishop of the Missionary Diocese of Taiwan (1965-70) — and paying tribute to them for building so well for me to carry on.

Serving through all these episcopates since 1961 is the Venerable Patric Hutton, who has worked in Taipei, Tainan, and Kaohsiung in various capacities of parish-priest, student worker, medical worker and administrator (especially as Vicar-General during the long interregnum of April 1970-January 1971).

My thanks and gratitude go also to the Council of Advice which functioned as a real ecclesiastical authority, the Nominating Committee chaired by our veteran layman, Mr. William Wei, and the Arrangements Committee, Chaired by Archdeacon Hutton, which prepared and executed the Consecration and Institution Services so orderly and beautifully.

I wish to thank most heartily all who have sent me letters or telegrams of congratulations on my election and congratulations or flowers at my Consecration and Institution, all the heads of churches, government officials and diplomats, our own clergy and people who personally came to the Consecration and Institution Services. Coming to consecrate me from America and South East Asia were the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. John Hines, the Chairman of the Council of the Churches of South East Asia, the Rt. Rev. Chiu Ban-it, the Bishop of Hong Kong and Macao, the Rt. Rev. Gilbert Baker who also preached at the Consecration Service, the Bishop of West Malaysia, the Rt. Rev. Roland Koh who celebrated, and the Bishops of the Philippines and Seoul, the Rt. Revs. Benito Cabanban and Paul Lee who presented me.

The 11th Convocation of the Diocese followed immediately after the Institution Service on January 7-8. It was held earlier in the year than usual and the agenda was not too crowded. We had the privilege of hearing the wisdom and experience of the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Chiu and Bishop Koh before our business began.



We are grateful to Presiding Bishop Hines for reminding us of the importance of the social outreach of the Church and the valuable contributions of the lay ministry. The meetings of this Convocation were lively. There was keen interest in the debates (especially with the Budget) which occasionally became quite heated.

As our Cathedral will be used more frequently for diocesan functions, I wish (with the authority vested in me by Canon 20, Sec. 2) to appoint a Dean (the Bishop acting) and three Canons, the Archdeacon, the Ven. Patric Hutton, and the Priests-in-charge of St. John's and Good Shepherd Churches, the Rev. Chia Meng-chiu and the Rev. Edmund Der.

Other personnel changes include the Rev. Samuel Chen, the present Secretary at the Diocesan Office, who goes to Kaohsiung to head up the work of St. Paul's Clinic which is in the process of joining other church hospitals in the city to become an ecumenical hospital. His work in the Diocesan office is taken up concurrently by the Bishop's Chaplain, the Rev. Ke Chau sheng. Dr. F. T. Ley becomes' Ecumenical and Public Relations Officer and Bishop's Advisor in Education, which is more accurately descriptive of the work he is doing. Following the recent example of the Executive Council of New York (though very much less drastic) we want to reduce our diocesan staff and make it more efficient and economical.

The biggest single project in the Diocese, St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology, will continue to expand with the building of a new dormitory to house the expected 400 more students going up to the Second and Final year of our Junior College. The Chapel for the college in memory of

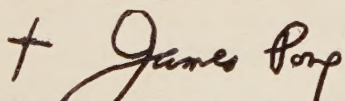
our late beloved Bishop James Wong will also be built on the campus where he lies buried. We hope that the Chapel will be completed by the time the first batch of students graduate in the summer of 1972 and that Mrs. Wong and her children can return for the ceremony. For both the new student dormitory and the Bishop Wong Memorial Chapel we need urgent financial help.

Our companion relationship with the Diocese of Upper South Carolina ended on December 31, 1970. The Diocese of Upper South Carolina has been most helpful to us spiritually and materially. The ties of friendship built between us will not cease, but we are looking for another Companion Diocese for the next 3 to 6 years. Any offer?

I am still groping my way as the new Chief Pastor of the Diocese and during my first year of tenure I shall mostly be learning and consolidating our present work rather than further expanding it. I hope that our future new projects will be more and more ecumenical ones, instead of our Diocese going it alone.

Please continue to pray for me and give me your valuable friendship.

May all the Chinese in Taiwan be guided, as were the Wise Men in the Epiphany story, by a star to Christ, and may we, members of the Taiwan Sheng Kung Hui, be stars guiding our neighbors to Christ.



The Rt. Rev. James T. M. Pong

FR. LING, DELEGATE TO NAIROBI

The Rev. John Ling, Vicar of St. John's Cathedral for several years, is leaving February 7th for Nairobi as the delegate from the Council of the Church of South East Asia to the Anglican Consultative Committee.

After the conference, Fr. Ling will travel to the United States where he will be the happy recipient of an opportunity to have both practical experience in busy American parishes and a year's study at Virginia Theological Seminary, due to the generosity of the Diocese of Virginia and its bishop, the Rt. Rev. Robert F. Gibson, Jr.

Fr. Ling will be living at the seminary and commuting to nearby parishes for "on-the-job training", and in September will enter the regular seminary course, studying especially community development. Fr. Ling's family will remain in Taiwan during this period.

The Diocese of Taiwan is most grateful to Bishop Gibson for this opportunity for the further education of its clergy.

LIVING WITH CHANGE

The Rev. Wang Hsin-chih, Vicar of St. James', Taichung, was a delegate from Taiwan to the East Asia Christian Council meeting in Japan in November. Seventeen participants from Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Ceylon and India, most under 35 years, with a variety of vocations and denominations were invited to participate in the conference, along with 10 resource persons who gave lectures and led discussions concerning "living with change".

Fr. Wang felt the most important issues discussed were the general youth frustration and identity crisis in Asia, the "brain drain" and educational irrelevances, hierarchical dominance and lay passiveness in the churches, the ideological control on educational, economic, social and political developments in Asia, the rise of neo-colonialism and impositions of social and spiritual pollutions from the developed countries.

In order to reduce the main issues to simpler forms more easily coped with special studies were made of management and labor situations, a study of the Christian churches, and the possible style of Christian living for today.

Among the conclusions of the conference were the urgency to bring forth human dignity, to develop human creativity and potentiality, through community organization and development of local genuine leadership. Fr. Wang concludes: "Through this consultation conference, I personally felt that mutual understanding is a heavy, difficult, but inevitably urgent task in East Asia. This world of splits, gaps, and ambivalences calls for more genuine communication and mutual understanding among different peoples and groups. Only through patience, humility, love and forgiveness can people understand and love one another. Asian leaders and leaders of other continents should have this awareness of authentic leadership which is rooted in the image of our Lord, Jesus Christ: patience, humility, love and forgiveness."

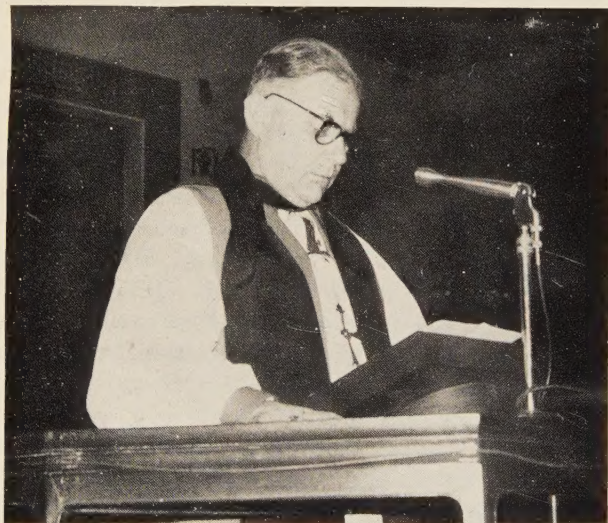
FR. CHIA RETURNS FROM SARAWAK

The Rev. Chia Meng-chiu, with his wife and son and daughter, have returned from Kuching, Sarawak, where he has been working for two years at St. Thomas Cathedral. Unfortunately during his first week home, he developed an infection in his foot and spent the exciting days of the Consecration celebrations in the hospital. Good luck came though in the form of a new grandchild born the same week.

Fr. Chia will be serving as Canon Residentiary of St. John's Cathedral and living on the Cathedral grounds. Prior to his term of service in Sarawak, he was Vicar of All Saints' Church, Kanshan.



THE CELEBRANT



THE PREACHER



THE READER OF THE GOSPEL

JAMES TE MING PONG, BISHOP

The Venerable James Te Ming Pong, Archdeacon of Hong Kong, was consecrated the Second Bishop of Taiwan, Epiphany, 1971 at a service held in the Overseas Chinese Hall, Taipei, at 7:30 in the evening. This was a triumphal experience for this young missionary diocese, only the second in the American church to be allowed to elect its own bishop.

On the following morning, January 7th, Bishop Pong was Enthroned in St. John's Cathedral in an impressive service of installation which also served as the opening service of the 11th Annual Convocation of the Missionary Diocese of Taiwan.

The new Bishop presented his sermon which is printed elsewhere in the magazine.

During the afternoon of the 7th, the bishops were honored to be entertained at tea by the President of the Republic of China and Madame Chiang.

THE CONSECRATORS

The Most Reverend John Elbridge Hines, D.D., S.T.D.

The Presiding Bishop of the American Episcopal Church

The Right Reverend Ban It Chiu LL. B.

The Bishop of Singapore and Chairman of the Council of the Church of South East Asia

The Right Reverend Gilbert Baker, M. A.

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The Bishop of the Philippines

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D.D., L.L.D.
The Bishop of West Malaysia

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The Reverend Edmund B. Der. B.A., B.D.
Vicar of Church of the Good Shepherd, Shih Lin,
Taipei
The Reverend Herbert C.M. Yen, B.D.
Vicar of St. Mark's Church, Pingtung, Taiwan

THE REGISTRAR'S REPRESENTATIVE

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Archdeacon of Taiwan

THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES

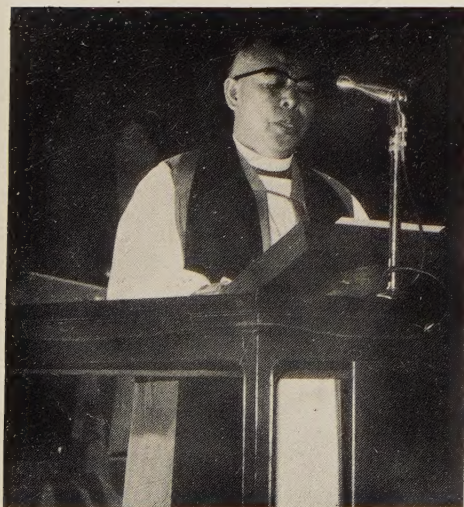
The Venerable Patric L. Hutton
Archdeacon of Taiwan

THE READERS OF TESTIMONIALS

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The Reverend John Ling, Vicar of St. John's Cathedral
- III Consent of the House of Deputies
Dr. Harris P. H. Shen, Deputy to General Convention
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The Right Reverend Benito Cabanban,
The Bishop of the Philippines



THE READER OF THE EPISTLE



THE PRESENTING BISHOPS



THE PRESIDING BISHOP

THE INSTITUTION



Above: Bishop pong knocks for entrance to the Cathedral.

Above right: The Archdeacon, presiding Bishop and Attending Presbyters with Bishop Pong.

Center: Visiting Bishops and clergy with Taiwan clergy after the Institution.

Lower: The Archdeacon expresses congratulations of the Diocese to the newly installed Bishop.



INSTITUTION SERMON

by

The Bishop of Taiwan, Rt. Rev. James Pong

I Cor. 2:3, "And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling."

Also 3:9a, "For we are fellow-workers with God..."

First of all, let me give thanks to God for His call and to the Convention of the Missionary Diocese of Taiwan for electing me to be their second diocesan bishop. When the Nomination Committee approached me asking whether I was willing to stand for the election, I accepted with some fear and trembling; and after the Convocation when I was informed that I had been elected, I accepted with more fear and trembling. I am keenly aware of my many weaknesses, especially in my lack of experience in raising large sums of money, and in my poor spoken Mandarin, etc., and so I come to you as St. Paul went to the Church in Corinth, in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

However, you elected me in the first ballot which was made unanimous. This gives me great encouragement, for I am assured of your confidence and support in our service for the Church and people in Taiwan.

Besides our cooperation and effort on the human side, St. Paul tells us we are also fellow-workers with God. And so, although he came to the Church in Corinth with fear and trembling, he knew that God was with him and would empower him with the Holy Spirit for his work.

In the same chapter of I Corinthians, chapter 3:6-7, Paul says, "I have planteth, Apollo watereth; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." In the last few years, quite a few bishops in different parts of the Anglican Communion died in office of heart attack because of anxiety and over-work, and so some have called the post of a bishop "a killing job". In my tenure of office as Bishop of Taiwan I will exert my utmost to carry out my duties and I will also ask for your greatest cooperation, and although I will not be able entirely not to worry and occasionally to over-work, St. Paul teaches us not to be anxious about the result, for it is God who gives the increase. So long as we have planted and watered, we need not fear and tremble.

Among the many kind letters of congratulation on my election to the episcopate, several coupled their congratulations with pity, but most of them gave me great encouragement, and the one from my former boss, the Anglican Executive Officer, Bishop Ralph Dean, gave me some very helpful advice quite similar to the teaching of St. Paul. Bishop Dean said in his letter, "God calls us to be faithful, not necessarily successful (whatever that may mean in our strange world), and that when He calls a man, He also equips him and so it will be with you." I am most grateful to my senior brothers in the episcopate, and especially to my supreme boss, the Presiding Bishop John Hines, to Bishop John Pinckney of our Companion Diocese and to all Bishops in the House of Bishops recently met in Houston, Texas, as well as all the Bishops in the S. E. Council for their concern and advice and support in my new responsibilities.

It has been suggested that, as the Convocation meets soon after this Service, I should combine my institution sermon with my convocation address, so as to save time by killing two birds with one stone. This I gladly accept, and so I am now going to say something about the work of our Diocese in the near future. As I am very new in my job, and all

convocation members as well as many of you present know more of the situation of the work of the church here than I do, what I shall say are only for your reference and discussion, and not to be taken as the Bishop's directive.

First, we should carry out the unfinished tasks of our late beloved James Wong, in the completion of St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology as a full-scale Junior College, and in the starting of the new Hua Chung High School, etc.

Second, we should strengthen our present Parish work. Much of our parish and mission work is still very weak. Our numbers are small and our givings inadequate. Therefore we should intensify our missionary efforts in bringing more people to Christ and His church and to increase our financial giving to make our parishes more self-supporting. The parish kindergartens are a good source of parish income and therefore they should be strengthened and expanded.

Third, with regard to missionary outreach, we should do more work among the Taiwanese who constitute 85% of the population and are less than 5% Christian. We may start some new work in the East of the island, probably with a house-church, and do more work in the rural areas, for Taiwan is over 50% agricultural.

Fourth, we wish to help strengthen the present ecumenical movement in Taiwan through our participation in the Ecumenical Cooperative Committee and whenever possible to cooperate with other churches in more ecumenical projects.

Fifth, we should be involved in and make contributions to the economic and social development of the country.

Sixth and last, we should seriously plan and work for self-support in the near future. The document, Strategy for Mission, of the 63rd General Convention of the American Episcopal Church calls for the missionary jurisdictions to become 50% self-supporting by 1976. We should adopt this as our aim and try our best in the next five years to raise our giving by 8% or more each year.

The annual block grant to our Diocese from our Mother Church has been reduced for the third time, and this year the cut is $11\frac{1}{2}$ percent. We should take this as a challenge and an opportunity to redouble our efforts towards self-support.

We need also to be more indigenized culturally. In our Diocese we have the Good Shepherd Church in Taipei built in a Chinese style of architecture and in St. Paul's Church in Kaoshiung many of the furnishings are Chinese style furniture. We worship in the vernacular languages of Mandarin and Taiwanese, etc. But there is little that is indigenous culturally in our Liturgy and in our clerical dress. In theology and in the preaching of the Gospel, there is still too little Chinese or Asian interpretation. Therefore, we should do more to make our Church more indigenous in our thinking, preaching and writing.

One recent development in our Diocese which is most encouraging is the greatly increased interest and participation of the laity in the work of the Diocese. This development will be a great help in our effort towards self-government and self-support. This important trend in our Diocese was started by our Mother Church giving us the privilege to elect our own bishop locally. I pray that this lay participation at all levels of decision-making and in the various kinds of work in the Diocese will continue and be strengthened, so that the Bishop, clergy and laity will work together, and that all of us together will be co-workers with God in our effort to extend His kingdom among His beloved people in Taiwan.